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**Lecture Series Created to Commemorate Career of Idaho's Longest Serving State Senator
Denton Darrington**

(Boise) – During his 30-year career in the Idaho State Senate Delco Republican Denton Darrington became the state legislature's "go to" expert on the judicial branch of state government. Darrington, who will retire later this year, served many of his three decades in the Idaho Legislature as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee where he had a major hand in virtually every piece of legislation dealing with the judiciary.

Now in order to commemorate Darrington's distinguished career as a leader in keeping Idaho at the forefront of judicial administration, the University of Idaho College of Law, the Idaho State Bar and Law Foundation, and the Idaho Supreme Court have created *The Denton Darrington Annual Lecture on Law and Government*.

The first Darrington Lecture will be hosted during 2013 by the Idaho Supreme Court and will originate from the Supreme Court Courtroom. The lecture will also be transmitted statewide via web-streaming through Idaho Public Television. Subsequent annual lectures will be offered at the Supreme Court building pending completion of the Idaho Law Learning Center.

It is envisioned that the annual lecture will address a wide range of subjects relating to the improved administration of the justice system and will feature well respected national, state, and regional speakers to address Idaho citizens, students, and state and local officials from all three branches of government.

A fund to support the Darrington Lecture has been established through the University of Idaho Foundation and additional development efforts will be undertaken by the University of Idaho College of Law.

A Darrington Lecture Program Committee has also been appointed to plan and design the series. Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Burdick, University of Idaho Law School Dean Donald Burnett, and Reed Larsen, a former Idaho State Bar President, will serve on the Program Committee. The committee will be convened by the Administrative Director of the Idaho Courts before the end of the year to begin planning the Inaugural Lecture. It is also contemplated that Sen. Darrington will be invited to serve on the committee.

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